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TURKISH/NORWEGIAN RESERVATIONS ON FLEXIBILITY STUDIES

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1. WE CONCUR IN MISSION'S INTERPRETATION OF THE ROLE OF
THE EWG AND AGREE THAT IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE GROUP TO

CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS ON CONTINGENCY NAVAL PLANNING
FOR OUT OF AREA ACTIVITIES (REF C).

2. REGARDING SPAIN (REF A) MISSION SHOULD SUPPORT PANSA
OR LUNS'LEAD ON PROBLEM OF DISCUSSING SPAIN IN THE EWG
CONTEXT. YOU MAY ALSO SUPPORT ADDITIONAL PERMREP DIS-
CUSSIONS, DURING WHICH YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE TO THE ALLIES
THAT WE ARE NOT INCLINED TOWARD PARTIAL OR ASSOCIATE
NATO MEMBERSHIP FOR SPAIN. YOU SHOULD ALSO CAUTION
AGAINST ANY DISCUSSION OR DECISION WHICH MIGHT APPEAR TO
BE A REBUFF OF A SOVEREIGN COUNTRY WHICH HAS NOT YET
APPLIED FOR ACCESSION TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY.

3. AS TO TURKISH PROBLEM, WE AGREE THAT MISSION SHOULD
CONTINUE TO FOLLOW MUMSFORD'S LEAD AND SUPPORT HIS
PROPOSALS DESCRIBED PARA 6 REF B WHICH WOULD ALLOCATE
FLEXIBILITY STUDIES TO SUBORDINATE COMMITTEES AND
WOULD PERMIT SOME PROGRESS IN SOUTHERN REGION REVIEW
WHILE ALLIES STUDY GREEK RESPONSE ON GREECE-NATO
RELATIONS.

4. WHILE CONCERNS OVER EWG REVIEW OF VARIOUS FLEXIBILITY
STUDIES HAVE ASSUMED GREATER MULTIPLICITY IN TERMS OF
NATIONS, ISSUES AND STUDIES INVOLVED, WE RETAIN VIEW THAT
THE COLLECTIVE QUESTION IS SINGULAR AND INSTITUTIONAL
IN NATURE. WE CONTINUE, THEREFORE, TO BELIEVE THAT
EWG CHAIRMAN'S BEST COURSE IS ONE OF REITERATING THE
INSTITUTIONAL ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF AN APPROPRIATELY
TASKED AND CONSTITUTED SENIOR NATO COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS
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AND REMAND THE VARIOUS STUDIES. MISSION SHOULD JOIN IN
FAVORING SUCH A COURSE.

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